



# United States Capitol Visitor Center

## Weekly Construction Summary



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All of the major finish work is complete in the Great Hall and crews have removed all of the protective covering from the floor stone.

### **This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/10/07 through 9/14/07**

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Initial clean-up activities have been completed in the CVC entrance zones, the Exhibition Hall, the CVC Restaurant, the Great Hall, the upper-level east and west lobbies, and several corridors and stairwells.
- In the CVC Restaurant, masons are close to completing the installation of the stone countertops and initial punch-list inspections in this area have already been completed.
- In the Exhibition Hall, a contractor has completed the installation of the photo mural backdrop images in the eight House and Senate history cases. Documents, images and artifacts will be installed in these cases after the environmental systems for the Exhibition Hall have been fully tested. Environmental readings in the Hall are ongoing.
- Millwork, stone and carpet installations are essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium. Most of the seats have been installed at the floor and balcony levels and the audio system has been tested.
- Crews have begun to apply the final waterproofing membrane to the ground adjacent to the CVC's north entrance in preparation for the follow-on installation of granite paving stones.
- Masons have begun setting sandstone around the Rotunda Door, the last remaining wall stone in the East Front. Ceiling framing and follow-on drywall and plastering activities at the Rotunda and Gallery levels will occur over the next several weeks. Electricians continue to install light fixture components at the Crypt level.
- A crew has completed the plaster and paint work for the underside of the three-level spiral staircases in both the House and Senate Stairwell Atria. Workers are now preparing the metal railing structure for the bronze rails and final painting.



**Millwork, carpeting, and floor tile installation are complete in the CVC Restaurant. Initial inspections for this space have been completed.**

- Masons have completed laying pavers in a decorative pattern adjacent to the seatwall adjacent to the Senate egg and are nearing completion along the House seatwall. The original historical bronze lamp-posts have been installed in the House and Senate seatwall. Masons continue setting large granite curb stones along the north side pedestrian entrance ramp. Nearby, workers are applying a cement ceiling to the carriageway zone between the two CVC entrance zones.
- Workers have removed the temporary mechanical system on the east-side roof of the Capitol. The large crane that had been situated in front of the Capitol building is no longer on site.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the transition zone within the Jefferson Building. Once workers complete the ongoing installation of ceiling panels in the tunnel itself, a flooring crew will follow with the installation of a terrazzo floor throughout the length of the tunnel.

## **Next Week – 9/17/07 – 9/21/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Environmental conditions within the CVC Exhibition Hall will continue to be monitored in preparation of a 60-day testing period for the Hall's environmental control systems.
- Minor work remains on the millwork and stone finishes in the Congressional Auditorium. Seat installation is nearly complete.
- Masons will continue setting the stone countertops on some of the server components in the CVC Restaurant.
- Ceiling framework is expected to begin at the Gallery level within the East Front. Stone installation around the Rotunda Door will be completed, marking the completion of all major wall stone work in the East Front transition zone.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers will continue sand and prime the metal railing support structure in the House and Senate stairwell atria in preparation for the installation of the bronze railing components.
- Installation of ceiling panels is expected to begin in the LOC Tunnel.



**A worker polishes a bronze hand rail near the CVC's south visitor entrance.**

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